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P.O. Box 2327
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action, mailed on October 2,
2002, for filing in connection with the above-referenced application.

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed October 2, 2002, applicant elects, with traverse, group I, claims 1-27 drawn to bifunctional molecules.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claim 34 with amended claim 34 as follows:

34. (Amended) The targeted delivery vector of claim 29, wherein the bifunctional molecule and viral or bacterial vector wherein the antibody portion of the bifunctional molecule is covalently linked to the viral or bacterial surface protein.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper or with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for Extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 1-28, 30-34 and 36-39 are pending. Claims 29 and 35, which are non-elected, are cancelled herein. Claim 34 is amended to correct its dependency. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected subject matter.